



# A YEAR OF ILLUMINATING TRUTH



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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## Message from the Interim Executive Director



From the tragic events in Israel that still reverberate throughout our culture, to the rise in antisemitism and illiberal ideologies that followed, the fight for liberty intensified throughout 2024. Yet, thanks to your unwavering support, AHA Foundation continued to champion freedom and human rights.

AHA's 2024 Annual Report: *A Year of Illuminating Truth* celebrates the achievements you helped make possible. Together, we've nurtured the flame of truth, letting its brilliance shape a freer tomorrow.

Amanda Parker, AHA's Interim Executive Director

# AHA FOUNDATION'S IMPACT IN 2024



Ayaan Hirsi Ali on the *Triggernometry* podcast discussing her personal experiences and insights into the rise of radical Islam and its impact on Western values and security.



Ayaan joined journalist Emily Schrader on ILTV's *Viewpoint* to discuss the Israel-Hamas war and the growing threat of Islamist terrorism.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali joined Dr. Jordan B. Peterson on his podcast to discuss the subversion of the West and the importance of Christian ideals in today's world.



## Defending Liberal Ideals: Ayaan Hirsi Ali and AHA Speak Out

Throughout 2024, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, our founder, continued to be at the forefront of defending liberal values and freedoms. Ayaan shared her perspectives on Islamist extremism, antisemitism, and moral relativism through op-eds in *UnHerd*, *The Free Press*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. She also provided critical commentary on Fox News, addressing the tragic October 7 attacks on Israel and calling for global accountability, particularly regarding the conspicuous silence on the use of sexual violence on Israeli women as part of the attack.

In addition to her media engagements, Ayaan launched *Restoration*, her Substack, and *Courage.Media* to promote liberal values, resilience, and free speech. Her *Restoration Podcast* featured thought-provoking discussions, including a conversation with Douglas Murray on the importance of leadership and courage in today's world. Her appearances on podcasts such as *Triggernometry*, *The Brendan O'Neill Show*, *The Ben Shapiro Show*, and *The Dr. Jordan B. Peterson Podcast* allowed her to further spread her message about the growing influence of Islamism, the need for moral clarity, and the rise of illiberalism in the face of growing threats.

Explore Ayaan's articles and media coverage:



In the St. Louis Post-Dispatch article, "*Minors Can Get Married in Missouri. Some State Lawmakers Want That to Change*," Michele Hanash, Director of Policy and Women's Programs at AHA Foundation, emphasized the urgent need to reform marriage laws to protect minors from the harmful effects of child marriage and to ensure their well-being and rights are safeguarded.



# A Year of Standing Up to Surging Antisemitism

Throughout the year, AHA issued statements and called for action against rising antisemitism in the U.S. and abroad.

<p><b>JAN 27 2024</b></p>	<p><b>International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Called for a renewed commitment to combating antisemitism</b></p> <p>In a joint statement with the Independent Women’s Forum, AHA commemorated the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and highlighted the October 7 massacre in Israel as an example of modern-day neo-Nazi ideology rooted in political Islamist extremism. We condemned the silence and inaction of the international community in the aftermath of October 7 and called for a renewed commitment to combating antisemitism.</p>
<p><b>MAR 8 2024</b></p>	<p><b>International Women’s Day: Demanded action from the White House Gender Policy Council</b></p> <p>Together with the Independent Women’s Forum, Independent Women’s Voice, the Muslim American Leadership Alliance, and CLARITY Coalition, we sent a letter to the White House Gender Policy Council demanding action for the women and girls brutalized on October 7 in Israel. We called for accountability, truth, and action to bring hostages home and combat gender-based violence.</p>
<p><b>MAY 1 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Warned about the subversion of American universities</b></p> <p>Ayaan Hirsi Ali spoke out about the violent protests occurring at U.S. universities. She raised concerns for the safety of Jewish students and faculty, calling for a clear distinction between illegal acts and free speech. Hirsi Ali urged colleges to safeguard the liberties of all students and combat divisive ideologies.</p>
<p><b>SEP 19-21 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Attended the IAC National Summit in Washington, D.C.</b></p> <p>We gained insights into global and domestic advances in combating terrorism and collaborated with other advocates to enhance AHA’s anti-antisemitism efforts. We also heard from political leaders on their plans to address antisemitism and listened to powerful testimonies from a former hostage, hostage families, and a NOVA festival survivor of Hamas’ massacre in Israel on October 7, 2023.</p>
<p><b>OCT 7 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Commemorated the first anniversary of the October 7 massacre</b></p> <p>We brought attention to the surge in antisemitism and called for solidarity with the Jewish community, demanding action against antisemitism and the return of hostages.</p> <div data-bbox="370 1297 500 1423"> </div> <div data-bbox="516 1318 1205 1386"> <p>Watch Ayaan’s video message on the first anniversary of October 7 and other AHA content on exposing antisemitism</p> </div>
<p><b>NOV 8 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Condemned the violent assault on Israeli soccer fans in Amsterdam</b></p> <p>In response to a violent attack on Israeli soccer fans in Amsterdam, we emphasized the increasing normalization of Islamist-driven antisemitism in both Europe and the United States. We urged governments and communities to take decisive action against extremism and to ensure that the Jewish community can live without fear of antisemitism.</p>
<p><b>DEC 13 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Presented a webinar exposing the anti-Israel movement on U.S. campuses</b></p> <p>AHA webinar featured Ryan Mauro, investigative researcher for Capital Research Center and Zuhdi Jasser, co-founder of the Muslim Reform Movement and CLARITY Coalition. They discussed the findings from Ryan’s report "Marching Toward Violence," which revealed that protests on American college campuses over the Israel-Hamas conflict are part of a coordinated network involving over 150 groups aligned with extremist movements.</p> <div data-bbox="1068 1625 1539 1932"> <p><b>“Women’s groups must clearly condemn the sexual violence perpetrated against women, men and children in Israel on October 7th and recommit to refusing to allow rape to be used as a weapon. The silence must end.”</b></p> </div>



Group photo of participants at the 2024 CLARITY Coalition Conference in Washington, D.C.



Sam Westrop (left) leads a discussion with Jeff Breinholt (center) and Ryan Mauro (right) on tracking and stopping the funding of Islamist activities at the CLARITY Coalition's 2024 Conference.



"Defeating the Alliance of Wokeists and Islamists" panel with Collin May (left), Asra Nomani (middle left), Hussain Abdul-Hussain (middle right) and Dalia Zaida (right).



CLARITY Coalition members strategize ahead of meetings with legislators to rally support for the DETERRENT Act.

# Confronting Islamism: CLARITY Coalition Expands its Reach and Advocacy

Throughout the year, supported by the AHA team, the AHA-convened CLARITY Coalition achieved significant milestones:

- Organized the 2nd annual CLARITY Coalition conference at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C.** The conference highlighted funding sources for Islamist organizations and the dangerous alliance between the far left and Islamists, exposing their influence on U.S. education and Western society.

- Welcomed 19 new members** from countries including Israel, Canada, and Germany, bringing the total membership to over 50.

- Conducted advocacy for the DETERRENT Act and TRACE Act**, which aim to promote transparency regarding foreign funding in U.S. education, as well as **S.4136**, which seeks to strip 501(c)(3) status from terrorist-supporting nonprofits.

- Organized monthly town halls featuring prominent speakers**, including **Charlie Weimers**, a Swedish Member of the European Parliament, who addressed the critical need for free speech in Europe amid rising authoritarianism.

# LEADING THE CHARGE IN DEFENDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

## AHA's 2024 Legislative Victories and Advancements

- ☀️ **Washington, Virginia, and New Hampshire:** We drove the passage of 3 critical bills banning child marriage, increasing the total number of states with bans to 13.
- ☀️ **Missouri:** Submitted a testimony and participated in the press conference with child marriage survivors, allies, and bill sponsors to advance legislation to end child marriage in the state.
- ☀️ **California:** Advocated alongside survivors and lawmakers to push forward legislation banning child marriage.
- ☀️ **Washington, D.C.:** Collaborating with Councilmember Pinto, the FGM bill sponsor, and her staff, led efforts that resulted in the Council passing an anti-FGM bill. Further collaborated with Councilmember Pinto and allies to meet with D.C. Councilmembers to gain support for the introduction and passage of a child marriage ban.
- ☀️ **Oregon:** Met with legislators to gain bipartisan support for proposed legislation to end child marriage in the following legislative session.
- ☀️ **At the federal level:** Opposed Senator Dick Durbin's proposed S. 4990, which includes dangerous immigration loopholes that could perpetuate child marriage under the guise of "humanitarian" exceptions, while working to garner support for a strong bill to end child marriage.



AHA's Michele Hanash advocates for the passage of SB359 to end child marriage in New Hampshire.



AHA staffers Susanna McIntyre and Michele Hanash (second row) attend a Chain-In protest in Washington to advocate for change.



Watch on YouTube: a video about AHA's Partnership with Reed Smith

Watch 2024 AHA  
Foundation testimonies



## AHA Training and Awareness-Raising Programs Reach New Heights

With 2,234 individuals trained in 2024, we continued to **lead the nation** in training service providers on FGM, child marriage, and honor violence. In 2024, we achieved significant milestones:

Your support has been instrumental in protecting thousands of women and girls!

Provided specialized training to **2,020 frontline professionals**, including nurses, doctors, and lawyers, through partnerships with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the American Medical Association, and the American Bar Association.

**Secured a new 3-year federal grant** from the Office on Violence Against Women to expand training into schools and the local community in Chicago's North Side.

**Published 5 new state guides** on the rights of FGM survivors while working alongside partners White & Case LLP and Reed Smith LLP.

Delivered targeted, live training to **149 advocates** as part of the "WE STOP FGM/C" program in Chicago.

**Led a panel discussion** with Connecticut and New Hampshire legislators at the Yale School of Public Health, addressing the urgent need to end child marriage in the U.S.

Trained **62 individuals** in Anaheim and Los Angeles, CA, Salt Lake City, UT, and New York City, NY, including law enforcement victim advocates, health providers, and school counselors.

**“Just being aware of this phenomenon opens my eyes in case I’m ever confronted with such a situation. Now I know what to listen for, where to get help for interventions, how to accompany persons involved.”**

— AHA Foundation's FGM training participant



AHA staffers, Oluwadamilola Alabi (left) and Lisa Brett (right), lead an anti-FGM/C training session at the launch of our "WE STOP FGM/C" program in Chicago.

## AHA's Anti-FGM Program Becomes National Blueprint for Sustainable Change

Our successfully completed "WE STOP FGM/C" program in Chicago's North Side has become a national blueprint for other cities to emulate. Through our model, we not only achieved the program's sustainability but also ensured its long-term impact by embedding prevention strategies into local organizations and fostering a lasting network of advocates.



Members of our Chicago steering committee attended Law Enforcement National Night Out, where they connected with frontline service providers to raise awareness about FGM/C.



AHA's Michele Hanash (first from the right) and Oluwadamilola Alabi (center) with partners from the Chicago STOP FGM/C program.

## Breaking the Silence: Amplifying Voices of Survivors and Activists

Throughout the year, we elevated the voices of survivors, advocates, and activists with first-hand experience with child marriage, Islamism, and Islamist-fueled antisemitism. These brave individuals shared their personal stories and activism efforts as they work towards building a future free from the oppression they endured.



Child marriage survivor Vilas Wright (front row, in the middle) with AHA and other advocates protesting child marriage in Washington, D.C.



Child marriage survivor Kate Yang (right) meets with Washington State Representative Monica Stonier (left) at the Washington State Capitol Building advocacy event.



## Increased Direct Aid for Women and Girls at Risk

Thanks to your support, AHA Foundation's helplines provided assistance to 937 individuals in crisis to date. This direct aid has been a lifeline to women and girls in vulnerable situations, offering them a pathway to safety and support.

## Fostering Free Thought on Campus: Advancing Efforts Against Illiberalism and Antisemitism



Sara Tasneem (left) shares her powerful story of surviving child marriage with high school students at Byram Hills High School, inspiring awareness and action.

**“Failure to nurture an appreciation for the blessings of liberty among American youth puts our constitutionally guaranteed system of limited government and individual rights at risk.”**

— Grace Bydalek,  
Dissident Project Director

In 2024, we expanded our Critical Thinking Fellowship (CTF) to reach high school students through a new partnership with the Dissident Project. This collaboration enabled students to connect with and learn from advocates who have firsthand experience with authoritarian regimes, raising awareness about the dangers of extremism and advocating for the protection of Liberal freedoms. This year alone, we reached over 100,000 people through our blogs, events, and videos online.

## Donor Spotlight



"When I first encountered Ayaan Hirsi Ali's work through her book 'Infidel,' I was profoundly moved. So much so that I urged several of my friends to read it, and they, too, were deeply impacted.

**What drives me is a desire to see people protected from harm, and I believe Ayaan Hirsi Ali shares this commitment.** My husband and I uphold Christian values and are resolute in our opposition to the atrocities of genital mutilation and forced marriages, especially involving minors. We remain eager to understand and support what experts identify as the most urgent issues in this field."

— Stephanie Cramer, AHA's donor since 2016

**“When we first began our campaign to ban FGM across the US, only 19 states had specific laws targeting FGM on their books. Today, I’m proud to say that 41 states have now passed anti-FGM legislation, and we have led those efforts. In the next five years we want to cross off the remaining 9 states and the District of Columbia. We will also fight to see similar progress on banning child marriage across the country.”**

— Amanda Parker, March 2024, from the interview with the Pixel Project

18  
YEARS

# OF PRESERVING, PROTECTING, AND PROMOTING LIBERAL FREEDOMS AND IDEALS



**1ST**

U.S. HELPLINE to address honor violence



**17**

STATE LEGAL GUIDES produced for FGM survivors to seek justice



**3**

NATIONAL CONFERENCES on honor violence



**5**

FEDERAL BILLS on FGM and honor violence



**11**

CRITICAL THINKING FELLOWSHIPS active on campuses



**937**

INDIVIDUALS HELPED through our email-based helpline and Crisis Text Line

**7,080**

FRONTLINE SERVICE PROVIDERS TRAINED 



**51**

STATE BILLS on FGM, child marriage and domestic violence



MORE THAN

**1.6 M**

PEOPLE REACHED through in-person and online events at over 50 colleges

**“I will continue to ask uncomfortable questions, despite the obvious resistance that they elicit. I feel that I should help other people to live in freedom, as many people have helped me.”**

— AHA Foundation  
Founder Ayaan Hirsi Ali



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IN 2025 AND BEYOND.



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